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## Libya: Qadhafi's Advisers, Henchmen, and Enemies



Muammar al-Qadhafi

Leader and de facto Head of State since 1969, when he led fellow junior Army officers in overthrow of monarchy... has used oil rents to transform Libya, boost standard of living, impose austere brand of socialism, and finance radical foreign policies... exerted dominant influence on North African oil-importing states in mid-1970s... now makes all major decisions... personally... depends on small circle of fellow Qadhafa tribesmen and Revolutionary Committee members... less inclined to Camel 'A'sh-Sha'bi but as champion of Pan-Arabism, and schemes with union with Arab League... has exhibited... radical, unpredictable behavior that isolated him from most other Arab leaders... graduated from Royal Military Academy in Bangladesh in 1965... 43 years old.

**Chief Advisers**

• Revolutionary Command Council of 12 military officers, led by Qadhafi, governed from 1969 until it was abolished in 1973... some members, all military academy classmates of Qadhafi, still rank as his chief advisers.

**Khwayyidh al-Himaydi**  
A senior internal security official since the revolution... currently is both chief of intelligence and chief of staff of Revolutionary Committee of Libya... Qadhafi's closest often used as overseas emissary... ally of Kadhafi and longtime comrade in Qaddafi's tribe... has not demonstrated leadership abilities... public statements may be anti-American... about 42 years old.

**'Abd al-Salam Falih**  
Ostensible number two man in the regime... initially MIA, later emerged as stratified Qadhafi emissary to Soviet Union, elsewhere... Soviet public support of radical foreign policies... has attempted to place fellow Magaria tribesmen in positions of responsibility... also in military and elsewhere... close associate of Qadhafi's chief bodyguard, Ahmad Sayyd... from 1972 until post was abolished in 1977... about 42 years old.

**Mustafa Muhammad Khamisi**  
A leading moderate within the regime; has criticized some of its policies, including terrorism... competes with Abu Bakr Younis in popularity... did not go with the Libyan leader in recent years... some believe he may be Qadhafi's successor general in 1984... enjoys wide popularity within the military... Qadhafi's closest and most loyal confidante of Qadhafi's tribe... former intelligence head and Governor of Cyrenaica region... previously served in Soviet Union, and may be included in the incoming领导班子... about 45 years old.

**Abu Bakr Younis**  
Armed Forces Commander in Chief... less influential in military matters than Khamisi and Hamza... although he is Qadhafi's closest personal adviser, did not go with the Libyan leader in recent years... active in negotiating arms deals with Soviet Union... some believe he may be Qadhafi's more radical adviser... about 44 years old.

Q Member of Qadhafi tribe.  
T Known involvement in terrorist or subversive activities in recent years.

## Key Aides and Lookouts

**Nasir 'Abd al-Hafez**  
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Cousin of Qadhafi... has been one of his closest advisers... commander of military intelligence for eastern sector, stationed in Tripoli... has coordinated and supervised secret services... used as overseas envoy... official ambassador to Saudi Arabia in 1982... has reportedly been in Libya exile during 1983 Hajj... extremely indecisive... has reportedly been attempting his efforts to become involved in internal matters... frequently flies first class on Pan Am... brother of Sayyd Qadhafi of Libya... about 38 years old.

**Sayyd Qadhafi**  
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Hai little known independent of Qadhafi... his cousin... commands Jamaliba Guard battalion at Sirt... involved in plots against Qadhafi... reportedly resides in Libya... may have closer Soviet ties... severely injured by bullet from fire in late 1983... brother of Ahmad Sayyd al-Aslam... about 30 years old.

**Khalifa Muhah Humaysh**  
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Deputy head of Jamiliya Guard... Qadhafi's personal bodyguard... held position from 1971 until removed from command in 1981... restored in 1983... has reportedly been sent to Europe and appears to be residing there... used for ability to promote relations between Qadhafi and other foreign heads of state... has reportedly been married to sister of Goudamat Oufedet, leader of pro-Libyan rebels in Chad... possibly in early 1970s.

**Muhibtar 'Abdullah Qarawi**  
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Former member of RCC... often reported Qadhafi's foreign and domestic policies... withdrawn from active RCC participation since 1975... may still be involved in military and other posts... reportedly lives in France... close ties to Kharbi and Hamza... may be included in a post-Qadhafi government led by Khalifa Muhah Humaysh... about 45 years old.

**'Ali al-Rifi al-Sharif**  
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Secretary General of the Armed Forces (de facto Defense Minister)... oversees supply relationships with foreign military and other foreign groups... reported to be Qadhafi's closest personal aide... prominent member of National Committee to Protect Qadhafi military government... died July 1982... graduated from Higher Institute of Technology after year of study... died January 1983.

**Abu Bakr Yunes**  
Communist Libyan forces in Chad 1973-April 1978... new probably commander of Tripoli Military Region... helped to establish Qaddafi's government in 1979... later served as Armed Forces minister... attended air defense course at USSR in 1978... reportedly close to Qadhafi... reportedly generally considered apolitical... inclined toward conservative position on internal affairs... about 48 years old.

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## Revolutionary Committeemen

**Ahmad Qadhaf**  
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Young radicals associated with the Revolutionary Committee Bureau, agency of Libya's loosely organized but powerful secret service... members of Revolutionary Committee are active in aiding radical groups overseas, targeting exiles and Qadhafi's opponents... Qadhafi's efforts to control over Libyan society.

**Ibrahim Muhammad al-Bishari**  
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Titleular head of External Intelligence Service (Aeon al-Jazira)... former secretary of information in this organization... reportedly was detained in 1975... now believed to be a member of Jamiliya Guard... reportedly committed to and trusted by Qadhafi... extensive experience with foreign intelligence... lacks personal necessary to handle younger, more radical subordinates.

**'Abdallah Mahomad al-Hajizi**  
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Deputy head of RCC... coordinates assassination of dissidents at home... as head of Military Research and Training Department, ran military camps used in training foreign nationals... involved in planning 1980 coup attempt against Qaddafi... reportedly involved in anti-Qaddafi campaign in Libya that culminated in shooting down Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie... now located within RCC... possibly ally of Jamiliya Guard head Kharbi in post-Qadhafi power struggle.

**'Abd al-Rahman al-Sayyid**  
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Longtime trusted confidant and occasional personal aide to Qadhafi... member of Operations Room... former member of Jamiliya Guard... worked in military intelligence... assistant military for anti-Qaddafi campaign... reportedly involved in anti-Qaddafi campaign in Libya that culminated in shooting down Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie... now located within RCC... possibly ally of Jamiliya Guard head Kharbi in post-Qadhafi power struggle.

**Iz al-Din al-Hishashi**  
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Active in Operations Room... intelligence measures... serves on committee supervising Operation Source... died August 1983... about 33 years old.

**'Ali al-Kilan**  
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Normal head of Operations Room... long involved in recruiting terrorists abroad... supervises training of youths in terrorist tactics... participated in forced repatriation of Libyans from Soviet Union under 1984 treaty agreement... nephew of Qadhafi... son of 'Abdullah al-Hajizi... educated at Higher Institute of Technology in Tripoli in 1968... directed takeover of Rome People's Bureau by Qaddafi's forces in 1984... transferred into post for anti-Qaddafi activity... about 30 years old.

**'Abd al-Salam Zadma**  
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Former Operations Room member... involved in intelligence oversight... has internal security activities... involved in anti-Qaddafi campaign... reportedly a member of Jamiliya Guard battalion commander in Qadhafi's personal security force... reportedly involved in anti-Qaddafi campaign in Libya in early 1980s... a supporter of fellow Magaria tribesman Julian... released by marriage to Qadhafi... about 41 years old.

**'Abd 'Abd al-Salam al-Turki**  
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Former member of Operations Room... helps oversee intelligence operations... has internal security activity abroad... active in liquidation campaign against Qaddafi's opponents... reportedly served as vice-chairman of Jamiliya Guard... reportedly born in Western Europe, deported from UK in 1984... has enforced a total ban on weapons in Libya... probably in his thirties.

**Musa Kusa**  
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Director World Anti-Imperialist Center... organizes printing increasing role in foreign policy... responsible for radical propaganda... former assassins committee of regime... anti-American... has reportedly been in London to People's Bureau in 1979... no significant posts held since his release from prison in 1984... has reportedly supported Qadhafi... about 35 years old.

**'Abd al-Mansur (formerly Maguire)**  
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Secretary of Foreign Liaison... not a career foreign service but has several diplomatic postings... internationally rejected lawyer... intelligent, skilled negotiator... son of ex-ambassador to Libya... has served on Libyan Supreme Court and before the International Criminal Court in Geneva... former nationalist before 1969 coup... unhappy with Qadhafi's policies... reportedly sought to return to Libya to improve his country's image... may be trying to renew contacts with former agents... forced by Qadhafi to change his name from Maguire ('Panzer') to Mansur ('Martyr').

**Muhammad Ahmad al-Sharif**  
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Deputy head of RCC... coordinates assassination of dissidents at home... as head of Military Research and Training Department, ran military camps used in training foreign nationals... involved in planning 1980 coup attempt against Qaddafi... reportedly loyal to regime but can stand up to it... espoused no (not always successful) use of EDS for intelligence gathering... became director of RCC in 1983... is a radical Palestinian... released by marriage to Qadhafi... about 35 years old.

**Jadallah 'Azzou al-Talhi**  
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Secretary of Central People's Committee (equivalent of prime minister)... in 1983 functional as Qadhafi's foreign minister... his wife is secretary... key aide and sometime bodyguard... reportedly involved in anti-Qaddafi campaign... tribal outsider among Qadhafi's advisors... said to be Qadhafi's closest personal confidant... independent power base or deskmaking authority... responsible for internal and foreign affairs and internal administration... about 41 years old.

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**Bashir Muhammad Rabti**  
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President of Libyan National Party... said to be Egypt following arrest and subsequent release in 1980 on counterrevolutionary charges... worked in US in 1982 and served as its president... US trek... favors liberal, democratic regime... pro-Near East student movement... reportedly served as chairman of Libya's Conference of Arab Peoples (representative of Libya in UN)... close friend of Shabani in 1970s... about 47 years old.

## Front Men

Although they hold prominent government or nongovernmental positions, some are believed still viable political representatives on the world scene and in fact far removed from the center of power.

**'Abd al-Hamid al-Bakkush**  
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Leader Libya-based Libya Liberation Organization... advocate demands from government... widely known but has no support within Libya or in exile... reportedly serving as Qaddafi's personal Ambassador to France prior to 1969 coup... offered post of ambassador to Libya after 1980 coup... reportedly in charge of secret police... after release from US prison, he returned to Libya to try to overturn coup... formerly US official but publicly claims US of supporting Qadhafi in 1970s... about 35 years old.

**'Abd al-Mumin al-Huni**  
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In self-imposed exile in Egypt since fall of 1979... coup... career military officer... original member of RCC... reportedly serving as Qaddafi's personal Ambassador to Libya worldwide... well-traveled, frequently visits Libya... reportedly within regime and with extended family... espoused ideal and democratic values... wants to improve his country's image... may be trying to renew contacts with former agents... forced by Qadhafi to change his name from Huni to Al-Mumin... about 43 years old.

**Muhammad Yusaf al-Maqayef**  
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Head Libya-based Libyan National Salvation Front, the largest exile movement... advocates program of national reconciliation... seeks restoration of democratic government... supported by variety of Arab and Third World governments... works full time... his group responsible for May 1984 clash with Shabani's forces... reportedly active in 1980s... reportedly serving as Qaddafi's personal Ambassador to Libya... may be continuing contact with Shabani and others... reportedly involved in recruiting and bioterrorist associates Kharbi and Hamza in a post-Qadhafi scenario... about 35 years old.

## Oppositionists in Exile

While overseas opposition figures garner some public attention, provide a focus for Qadhafi's enemies, the exiles themselves are unable to overthrow the regime without support from the Arms Forces.

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